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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHIH ET AL.

Examiner

Djenane M Bayard

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 February 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 3, 4, 7 and 8 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5 and 6 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 2004/0103167 to Grooters et al. in view of U.S. Patent No. 2003/0046361 to Kirsch et al and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,389,460 to Stewart et al.

1. As per claims 1 and 5, Grooters et al teaches an admissions control system for a host site comprising a trap that withholds from a request processor incomplete HTTP requests (See page 5, paragraph [0039]). However, Grooters et al fails to teach wherein the request is http request and retiring incomplete HTTP requests to avoid exceeding a storage limitation.

Kirsch et al teaches wherein the http request is incomplete and retires incomplete http request (See page 6, paragraph [0062]).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate wherein the http request is incomplete and retires incomplete http request to avoid exceeding a storage limitation in order to return an error message to the client (See page 6, paragraph [0062]). However, Grooters et al in view of Kirsch et al fails to teach to avoid exceeding a storage limitation.

Stewart et al teaches a method and apparatus for efficient storage and retrieval of objects in and from an object storage device. Furthermore, Ferguson teaches to avoid exceeding a storage limitation (See col. 22, lines 4-11)

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate to avoid exceeding a storage limitation as taught by Ferguson in the claimed invention of Grooters et al in view of Kirsch et al in order to keep a limit set on the utilization of the storage (See col. 22, lines 5-6).

2. As per claims 2 and 6, Grooters et al in view of Kirsch et al teaches the claimed invention as described above. Furthermore, Grooters et al teaches wherein said trap sending requests to said deferral manager (See page 5, paragraph [0039]). However, Grooters et al teaches said deferral manager sending some of said complete HTTP requests to said request processor and responding with deferral messages to some others of said complete HTTP requests.

Kirsch et al teaches said deferral manager sending some of said complete HTTP requests to said request processor and responding with deferral messages to some others of said complete HTTP requests (See page 6, paragraph [0062]).

It would have been obvious to one with ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to incorporate deferral manager sending some of said complete HTTP requests to said request processor and responding with deferral messages to some others of said complete HTTP requests in order to return an error message to the client (See page 6, paragraph [0062]).

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 3-4 and 7-8 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion


Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Djenane M Bayard whose telephone number is (703) 305-6606. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00 AM-4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Rupal Dharia can be reached on (703) 305-4003. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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